

## § 170.155

- (i) Introduction of new mass transportation technology;
- (j) Provision of fixed route, demand response services, and non-fixed route paratransit transportation services (excluding operating costs) to enhance access for persons with disabilities;
- (k) Radio and communication equipment to support tribal transit programs; and
- (l) Transit capital project activities authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5302 (a)(1).

### IRR PROGRAM COORDINATING COMMITTEE

## § 170.155 What is the IRR Program Coordinating Committee?

(a) Under this part, the Secretaries will establish an IRR Program Coordinating Committee that:

- (1) Provides input and recommendations to BIA and FHWA in developing IRR Program policies and procedures; and
- (2) Supplements government-to-government consultation by coordinating with and obtaining input from tribes, BIA, and FHWA.

(b) The Committee consists of 12 tribal regional representatives (one from each BIA Region) and two non-voting Federal representatives (FHWA and BIA). The Secretary of the Interior will select one alternate tribal member from each BIA Region to attend committee meetings in the absence of the regional representative.

(c) The Secretary must select regional tribal representatives and alternates from nominees officially selected by the region's tribes.

(1) To the extent possible, the Secretary must make the selection so that there is representation from a broad cross-section of large, medium, and small tribes.

(2) Each tribal representative must be a tribal governmental official or employee with authority to act for the tribal government.

(d) For purposes of continuity, the Secretary will appoint the initial tribal representative and alternate from each BIA region to either a 1-, 2-, or 3-year term so that only one-third of the tribal representatives and alternates change every year. Thereafter, all appointments must be for a term of 3 years.

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(e) The Secretary of the Interior will provide guidance regarding the replacement of representatives should the need arise.

## § 170.156 What are the IRR Program Coordinating Committee's responsibilities?

(a) Committee responsibilities are to provide input and recommendations to BIA and FHWA during the development or revision of:

- (1) BIA/FHWA IRR Program Stewardship Plan;
- (2) IRR Program policy and procedures;
- (3) IRR Program eligible activities determination;
- (4) IRR Program transit policy;
- (5) IRR Program regulations;
- (6) IRR Program management systems policy and procedures;
- (7) IRR Program fund distribution formula (as outlined in § 170.157); and
- (8) National tribal transportation needs.

(b) The Committee may establish work groups to carry out its responsibilities; and

(c) The Committee also reviews and provides recommendations on IRR Program national concerns (including the implementation of this part) brought to its attention.

## § 170.157 What is the IRR Program Coordinating Committee's role in the funding process?

The Committee's role is to provide input and recommendations to BIA and FHWA regarding:

- (a) New IRR Inventory Data Format and Form;
- (b) Simplified Cost to Construct (CTC) Methodology (including formula calculations, formula program and design, and bid tab methodology);
- (c) Cost Elements;
- (d) Over-Design Issues;
- (e) Inflation Impacts on \$1 Million Cap for IRRHPP and Emergency Projects (including the IRRHPP Ranking System and emergency/disaster expenditures report); and
- (f) The impact of including funded but non-constructed projects in the CTC calculation.